SENATE BILL 940

By Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 2, relative to local education agency insurance plans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-209, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(___) Beginning July 1, 2007, each local school systems' budget shall include a designation of a portion of the Basic Education Program medical insurance component to pay not less than thirty percent (30%) of premium costs for support or non-professional personnel employed by the school system and participating in the health insurance coverage offered by the board. Enrollment in the insurance plan shall be open to all eligible employees for at least two weeks during August 2007. The open enrollment period for eligible employees shall follow written notification by the board of education of the medical insurance policy, enrollment opportunities, and costs.

SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed to impair a contract in existence on the effective date of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.